

Amendment No. 7 to SB0928

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 928*

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by deleting all the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-302(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)

(1) The driver of a motorcycle, motorized bicycle as defined in chapter 8 of this title, or motor-driven cycle and any passenger thereon shall be required to wear either a crash helmet or a bicycle helmet meeting the following requirements:

(A) The helmet shall meet federal motor vehicle safety standard No. 218, S5.1 (49 CFR § 571.218), relating to impact attenuation tests;

(B) The helmet shall be composed of any material meeting the requirements of the United States department of transportation;

(C) Ventilation airways may penetrate through the entire shell of the helmet; provided that no ventilation airway shall exceed one and one-half inches (1 ½") in diameter;

(D) The design of the helmet shall be similar to helmets meeting design requirements of the United States department of transportation;

(E) Sturdy chin straps with solid rivets shall be attached; and

(F) The inner liner shall be composed of approximately one-inch (1") firm polystyrene foam.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) relative to bicycle helmets shall only apply to drivers and passengers who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.